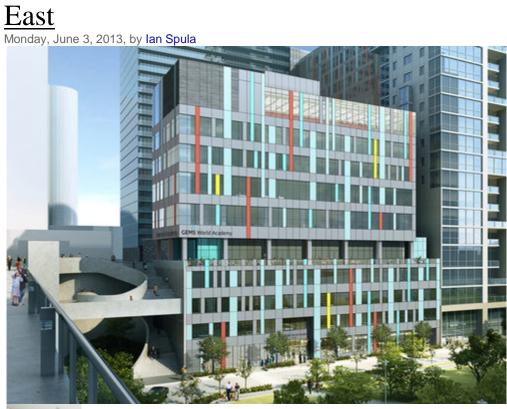
## DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## GEMS World Academy Ready to Rise at Lakeshore East









## 9 IMAGES

An informed tipster told Curbed to watch out for a **GEMS World Academy**construction start in the coming days. The <u>Lakeshore East</u> private school will focus on its <u>phase 1 building</u> for K-4, expected to open in time for the 2014-15 school year. The broad and shallow **9-story building** will total 82,000 square feet at the northwestern corner of Magellan Development's self-contained skyscraper city, and will face inward toward the park. Nearby, squeezed between two towers, a phase 2 building will start at a later, unannounced date and will offer 285,000 square feet to grades 5-12 in a **16-story tower** facing Wacker Drive. Both are designed by **bKL Architecture** and broadcast a more interesting, irregular facade to the city than the surrounding residential towers (except for Aqua). The materials — glass and metal — are nothing special but their arrangement into barcode (with a couple splashy colors thrown in) works for us. This is the school's first entry into the U.S. market. The two phases taken together will serve about 2,000 kids at a tuition cost of \$6,000 to \$25,000/year.

- -GEMS World Academy Chicago [Official]
- -GEMS World Academy Renderings [bKL Architecture]
- Behold! Lakeshore East's GEMS Academy Has Been Rendered [Curbed Chicago]